



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 18, 2024 † 9:30 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

Ushers will gather these following worship.

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Children are welcome to participate throughout our
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

Children's Bibles and activity bags

*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.

For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.

Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Duet for Cello and Double Bass
I. Allegro

Gioachino Rossini

Amelia Podolny, cello; Davis Moore, double bass

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ACS No. 977 “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”
Stanza 3 may be sung in harmony.

*Greeting

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house,
 she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
 she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
 from the highest places in the town,
⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
 To those without sense she says,
⁵“Come, eat of my bread
 and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
 and walk in the way of insight.”

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 34, “Unto the Lord My Praise I Sing”

LAND OF REST

Choir Un - to the Lord my praise I sing, God's good - ness
 All Come, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me! To - geth - er
 Choir Oh, taste and see, the Lord is good! How blest are
 All How great the tri - als the faith - ful bear, yet great - er

ev - er bless; the proud con - vic - tions
 sing God's praise, whose pres - ence o - ver -
 they who trust, for those who know God's
 is God's will, that from the threat - 'ning

of my soul speak out God's righ - teous - ness.
 comes all fear, whose glo - ry lights our days.
 stead - fast love, they walk a - mong the just.
 chill of death God's truth re - deems us still.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 *Psalter for Christian Worship*, Witherspoon Press; Music: North American folk tune

Second Reading — Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel — John 6:51-58

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 639

“When We Are Living”

*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

*Peace

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

“Acclamation” from *Gospel Mass*

Robert Ray

Hallelujah; praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Let us praise the Lord. Praise him with stringed instruments; praise him with dance. Praise him on the psaltery and harp. Everything that has breath ought to praise him.

*Offering Hymn — “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.

Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution


*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice. The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray. **If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.***

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn — ELW No. 522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

Solo — Allemande from Suite No. 3

J. S. Bach

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

☞ O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

Recognition of Tenth Anniversary at St. John’s

Nathan Proctor, Director of Worship, Music & Arts

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 845

“Voices Raised to You”

Stanzas 1-2 — all

Stanza 3 — choir

Stanzas 4-5 — all

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — on SONG OF PRAISE

Benjamin Culli



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Jane Turpin Moore
Organists	Nathan Proctor, David Sims
Choir	Summer Choir
Cello	Amelia Podolny
Double Bass	Davis Moore
Greeters	TBD
Communion Service	Georgene Johnson
Coffee Service	Stewardship Board
Counters	Sue Brockman, Martha Erickson, David Nitz
Ushers	Chuck Cannon, Cindy Clauson, Leif Knecht, John Ophaug

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A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD

The last days of summer are quickly approaching. St. John's will be busier than ever before we know it. How can you help? In so many ways. We are blessed with multiple opportunities to join together for fellowship and service. We are gardeners and groundskeepers. We are cooks and servers, dishwashers and sweepers. We are boards and committees and new member sponsors. We are Sunday service helpers. We are community volunteers. *We are St. John's*

Announcements

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in celebration of Nathan Proctor's ten years of ministry at St. John's by Cindy Clauson. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available dates: September 1, 8 & 22 and October 27.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Bernie Renander by family and friends.

Today We Celebrate Ten Years of Nathan Proctor's Music Ministry

This month marks ten years since Nathan Proctor began work as St. John's Organist and Director of Music, Worship & Arts. Each week we are blessed with his care in selecting music and hymns that deepen our worship and understanding of the Gospel. Today we celebrate with a pop-up choir, words of recognition, and special treats in coffee hour.

Pub Theology—"One Path Among Many"

Monday, August 19, 6:00–7:30 p.m., The Contented Cow

Pub Theology gathers each Monday this summer to discuss a chapter of Sam Wells's *Humbler Faith; Bigger God*. Chapter Eight addresses the relationship of Christian faith to other faiths. In a religiously diverse society, what are the options for how we think about other faiths? What does real respect for different faith claims look like? Join us on Monday. If you would like to be added to our Pub Theology e-mail list, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan Davis at 507-645-4429 or jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org

SIGN UP TODAY for God's Work, Our Hands Service Day on Sunday, August 25!

All the ELCA congregations of Northfield are joining together to serve our community immediately after worship. Help our neighbors locally and around the world with a couple hours of work in community with others. Lunch will be provided. Teams will depart after our respective worship services to serve:

- Global Health Ministries with bandage rolling
- Clean River Partners marking storm drains
- The CAC Food Shelf harvesting fresh food at Spring Wind Farm
- Starfish House with gardening work
- Hungry neighbors and Palestinian siblings writing letters of advocacy

Fill out the form here to sign up <https://forms.gle/oKcGaxGu7o6pLGfN7>

Save the Date: Mission Morning

Saturday, September 28, 9:00–11:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

St. John's women are invited to a morning of coffee, treats, kit packing, fellowship, and changing the world, one kit at a time. Special speaker: Kim Dickey, Global Health Ministries.

Announcements (continued)

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers Needed

St. John's is committed to delivering Meals on Wheels from September 9 through October 5. Meals on Wheels is a Northfield Hospital supported volunteer organization dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of the community through volunteer drivers. Sign up in CCB at: [Meals on Wheels Driver Sign-Up](#). If you aren't a CCB user, you may contact the church office to schedule your delivery date(s). Printed-out driver instructions/information are available at the Welcome Desk. If you have any questions about volunteering please contact Andrea Hoff at andrea.hoff37@gmail.com or 612-743-5767, or Cynthia Neubecker at reduncan936@gmail.com or 612-327-0169. Thank you!

School Supply Donations are Requested for LWR School Kits

Purchased supplies can be left in the cardboard school bus in the Commons. Supplies will be collected in August and early September. Cash donations are also appreciated. Make checks out to St. John's WELCA, and write school kits on the memo line. Checks can be left in the church office or the offering plate on Sundays. Our goal is to pack 200 kits, so many supplies are needed! Bags will be packed in September. LWR School Kit List is available in the Commons.

Kaitlynn Larson, ELCA Missionary in Colombia, Visits St. John's on August 25

Join us for worship on August 25, when Kaitlynn will join Pastor Pam for an "interview sermon" to talk about how God holds us together with the global church in challenging times. For additional information please check the article in *The Voice*.

The next Courageous Conversations book selection is *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine* by Rashid Khalidi.

Books are available at Content. Discussions will take place on Thursdays from 4:00–5:30 p.m. on Zoom. Dates are September 19 & 26, October 10 & 24, and November 14 & 21. To sign up or for more information, contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com.

Children and Youth

Registration is now open for St. John's Children & Youth Programs for the 2024–2025 School Year

Check out St. John's website at: stjohnsnorthfield.org/congregational-life/. Click on "Children" or "Youth" to find out more about the programs available. Register by using this QR code or click on "Register" on our website.



Contact information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

Those in the hospital or in need of healing

Ingrid Alberding, Georgia Braulick, Fred Huemoeller, Karl Jacobson

Those celebrating the marriage of

Jonah Berthelsen and Emily Geiger

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Jo Dahlin

Family of Erik Moe (son of Rick and Nancy Moe)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Dick Kleber, Paul Klinefelter, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Cynthia Neubecker, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including

Carol Johnson, VaLois Mandsager

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;

Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

St. John's Stephen Ministers offer care to those in a variety of difficult situations. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 25):

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 † Psalm 34:15-22 † Ephesians 6:10-20 † John 6:56-69

This Week At-a-Glance

The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

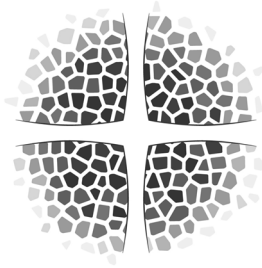
Monday, Aug. 19	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, The Contented Cow BSA Troop #9313 Patrol Leader Meeting, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Aug. 20	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library and Fireside Room
7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room	
Wednesday, Aug. 21	9:30 a.m.	Visitation - Carol Solid, Commons
	10:30 a.m.	Funeral - Carol Solid, Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Romans & Christians - Summer Youth Event, St. John's
	7:30 p.m.	Bridge Chamber Music Festival: Youth Recital
Thursday, Aug. 22	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
Friday, Aug. 23	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Aug. 24		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 25	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:45 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Reminder of Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

The Voice (September 2024 Edition): Due by August 15

Please send all submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and *The Voice*
to Leah Garlie electronically via email to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.

*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*